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My Dear Sir

I called yesterday on Mr. Whiteaver with proof of some notes prepared by me for the Naturalist & learned that Dr. Edwards has ordered all such notes, chemical, mineralogical, meteorological etc, to be printed without order, like paragraphs in a newspaper. This is entirely contrary to the usage of all good editors, & in my mind another proof of the unfitness of Dr. E. for his task. He is taking upon himself great authority & evidently trying to use the Naturalist as his own advertising medium & means of getting into business. As far as I can see, it was he who, as one of the Editors, arrogated to himself the Department of Chemistry, Chemical Technology, & Microscopy. When I consider my position in Canada & before the world as a chemist I see in this only

an attempt to injure me & set up Dr  
E. in my stead. He knows very little  
<sup>pure</sup> Chemistry & not much Technolog. Chem  
istry. Though had he seen fit to take  
the latter with Microscopy no one would  
have objected. As it is! when I am  
put down for Mineralogy & Mining  
only, it seems to be saying to the world  
Dr. Hunt abandon Chemistry to Dr. E.,  
a half-bred adventurer who has neither  
learning nor manners.

I have already experienced his imper-  
tinnence when he, two years since, was  
allowed to come in, I being then Pres-  
ident of the Nat. Hist. Society, without  
consulting me, in an illegal manner,  
arranged a programme for the Conversa-  
tions, which was printed without even  
consulting me.

All these things considered I have  
stricken out my name from the list  
of the Editing Committee, & have told Mr

Whatever that I would write you,  
giving my reasons for the course.  
This at best, but a thankless task &  
work for the Journal, & I know that  
all the Chemistry will be done by me,  
Dr. S. not having the Journals necessary  
& give him the latest information.

The only way to succeed with the Journal  
is to arrange some plan or model to follow  
as to arrangement, classification, headings  
&c. &c. Taking, let us say, Tillman's Journal  
so that these things be referred to the car-  
penter of an ignoramus. I shall then be  
glad to do my best. Provided I, and not  
Dr. S. be made responsible for Chemi-  
cal articles, each one signing with his  
initials any notes he may prepare -  
but I am not disposed to become  
a mere purveyor to the Chemical  
Editor, Dr. S. a sort of Jackall to this  
new lion.

Unfortunately I was too unwell when the

Several meetings of the Editing Committee were held, attended them, and I should have protested. It is not however too late to withdraw my name, & I certainly do not wish it to appear on the Journal as now managed. I regret to be obliged to take this course. but self respect demands it.

Pardon me, my dear Sir - for troubling you with this matter. I believe me with great esteem,

Very faithfully yours.

J. Terry Hunt

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